

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-33 (canceled).

34 (currently amended). A method of treating a disease or disorder in a mammal ~~subject~~ comprising administering to a mammal ~~subject~~ in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a molecule which antagonizes the function of a mammalian Notch protein, in which the disease or disorder is a malignancy characterized by increased Notch activity or increased expression of a Notch protein or of a Notch derivative capable of being bound by an anti-Notch antibody, relative to said Notch activity or expression in an analogous non-malignant sample.

Claim 35-90 (canceled).

91 (previously presented). The method according to claim 34, in which the disease or disorder is cervical cancer.

92 (previously presented). The method according to claim 34, in which the disease or disorder is breast cancer.

93 (previously presented). The method according to claim 34, in which the disease or disorder is colon cancer.

94 (currently amended). The method according to claim 34 ~~claim 90~~, in which the malignancy is selected from the group consisting of melanoma, seminoma, and lung cancer.

95 (currently amended). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93 ~~claim 34, 90, 91, 92 or 93~~, in which the subject is a human.

96 (currently amended). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is an antibody to said mammalian Notch protein or a portion of said antibody containing the idotype thereof.

97 (previously presented). The method according to claim 96, in which the antibody is a neutralizing antibody.

98 (previously presented). The method according to claim 96, in which the antibody is monoclonal.

99 (previously presented). The method according to claim 97, in which the neutralizing antibody is monoclonal.

100 (previously presented). The method according to claim 97, in which the neutralizing antibody or portion of said antibody containing the idiotype thereof binds to a human Notch protein but does not bind to a *Drosophila* Notch protein.

101 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is a protein consisting of at least the extracellular domain of a Notch protein or a portion thereof capable of binding to a Notch ligand.

102 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is a protein consisting of at least the EGF homologous repeats of a Notch protein.

103 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is a protein consisting of at least the EGF-like repeats 11 and 12 of a Notch protein.

104 (withdrawn, currently amended). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is a protein consisting of at least an adhesive fragment of a Notch protein, the fragment being characterized by the ability to bind to a ~~toporythmie~~ Delta protein or Serrate protein.

105 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, 91, 92 or 93, in which the molecule is an oligonucleotide which (a) consists of at least six nucleotides; (b) consists of at least a sequence complementary to at least a portion of a RNA transcript of a Notch gene; and (c) is hybridizable to the RNA transcript.

106 (currently amended). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule is an antibody to a ~~toporythmie~~ Delta protein or Serrate protein, or a portion of the antibody containing the idiotype thereof.

Claim 107 (canceled).

108 (withdrawn, currently amended). The method according to claim 106, in which the antibody binds to a fragment of a ~~toporythmie~~ Delta protein or Serrate protein, the fragment being characterized by the ability to bind to a Notch protein.

109 (previously presented). The method according to claim 106, in which the antibody is monoclonal.

110 (previously presented). The method according to claim 106, in which the antibody is a neutralizing antibody.

111 (withdrawn, currently amended). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule is a protein consisting of at least a fragment of a ~~toponymic~~ Delta protein or Serrate protein, the fragment being characterized by the ability to bind to a Notch protein.

Claim 112 (canceled).

113 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule is a Notch protein.

114 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule is encoded by a gene which is a member of the Notch signaling pathway.

115 (previously presented). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule interferes with Notch intracellular signal transduction.

116 (withdrawn). The method according to claim 34, in which the molecule is an analog or competitive inhibitor of a Notch intracellular signal transducing region.